

AIRLINE INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 1406, Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments; H.R. 1554, as amended, Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act; H.R. 4445, as amended, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act; H.R. 2340, as amended, Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act; H.R. 3914, as amended, San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 3923, as amended, Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2009; H.R. 3967, To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015; H.R. 4514, as amended, Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act; H.R. 4686, as amended, Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act; H.R. 3989, Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act of 2009; H.R. 4773, Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act; H.R. 4973, as amended, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010; and H.R. 2864, as amended, To amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. The rule provides that pursuant to House Resolution 1436, it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules as though they were the last two amendments printed in part C of House Report 111–506.

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Real-Time Forecasting for Renewable Energy Development. Testimony was heard from Jamie Simler, Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED UNITED-CONTINENTAL AIRLINE MERGER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on The Proposed United-Continental Merger: Possible Effects for Consumers and the Industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gutierrez, Payne and Kucinich; Glenn F. Tilton, Chairman, President and CEO, United Airlines Corporation; Jeffery Smisek, Chairman, President and CEO, Continental Airlines, Inc.; and public witnesses.

CHINA'S TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on China's Trade and Industrial Policies. Testimony was heard from Representatives Spratt, Larsen, Paulson, Schauer, and Schock; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RESTORING AMERICAN FINANCIAL STABILITY ACT**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 17th.

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine global threats, European security and parliamentary cooperation, focusing on what parliamentarians can do to work together on some of the most significant challenges facing the world, after receiving testimony from Joao Soares, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly, Lisbon, Portugal.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D666)

S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Signed on June 15, 2010. (Public Law 111–191)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, time to be announced, room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology, to hold hearings to examine S. 3102, to amend the miscellaneous rural development provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that will use the funds to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce home energy use, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the implications for national security programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry and the implications of consolidation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine protecting workers and businesses affected by misclassification, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the No Child Left Behind Act, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, S. 3466, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, and the nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Pamela Cothran Marsh, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, Peter J. Smith, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania,

and Kevin Anthony Carr, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine harnessing small business innovation, focusing on navigating the evaluation process for Gulf Coast oil cleanup proposals, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review U.S. farm safety net programs in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Administration's Expedited Rescission Proposal, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the Department of Education Inspector General's Review of Standards for Program Length in Higher Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on a discussion draft to provide funding for the construction and maintenance of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network and on H.R. 4829, Next Generation 9-1-1 Preservation Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Role of BP in the Deepwater Horizon Explosion and Oil Spill," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on the Horn of Africa: Current Conditions and U.S. Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, to continue joint hearings entitled "SBInet: Does it Pass the Border Security Test?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Racial Profiling and the Use of Suspect Classifications in Law Enforcement Policy, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, oversight hearing on the Executive Office for Immigration Review, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Deepwater Horizon Incident: Are the Minerals Management Service Regulations Doing the Job?" 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4719, To establish a Southwest Border Region Water Task Force; and H.R. 5487, Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Viral Hepatitis: The Secret Epidemic," and to